

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed on April 23, 2008, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered.

The Amendments Should Be Entered – The Claim Scope Has Not Changed

The claim amendments presented in the April 03, 2008, Amendment, does not raise any new issues and do not “require further consideration.”

I. Claim 1 was amended to include the recitations of previously pending claim 2. Thus, claim 1 now has the exact same claim scope as claim 2 had at the time it was last examined (in the Office Action of October 04, 2007). The amendment therefore did not change the scope of claim 1.

II. Claim 14 was amended to include the recitations of claim 15. Thus, claim 14 now has the exact same claim scope as claim 15 had at the time it was last examined (in the Office Action of October 04, 2007). The amendment therefore did not change the scope of claim 14.

III. Claim 9 was amended to be in independent form. That is, the recitations of claim 1, prior to the amendment discussed in “I” above, were simply placed directly into claim 9. Thus, claim 9 now has the exact same claim scope as claim 9 did at the time it was last examined (in the Office Action of October 04, 2007). The amendment therefore did not change the scope of claim 9.

IV. Claim 11 was amended to be in independent form. That is, the recitations of claim 1, prior to the amendment discussed in “I” above, were simply placed directly into claim 11. Thus, claim 11 now has the exact same claim scope as claim 11 did at the time it was last examined (in the Office Action of October 04, 2007). The amendment therefore did not change the scope of claim 11.

In sum, the claim amendments should be entered.

Acknowledgement of References Cited

With regard to the IDS submitted February 08, 2007, a concise explanation of relevance was indeed furnished when KR 2001-0072835 was submitted to the USPTO.

As noted in the Information Disclosure Statement of February 08, 2007, reproduced in its entirety in Appendix A, “[i]n a counterpart Korean application, an Office Action . . . was received by Applicants.”

Also as noted in the Information Disclosure Statement of February 08, 2007, “[d]ocuments A1 [the Korean language document KR 2001-0072835A] and A3 [English language document WO 00/10736] belong to the same ‘patent family,’ whereby the English language document may assist the PTO in understanding the content of the non-English language document.”

Thus, the statement that KR 2001-0072853A “does not have any . . . concise explanation of relevance” is incorrect.

Applicants respectfully request that the reference KR 2001-0072835, listed on the form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicants on February 08, 2007, be initialed by an examiner and a copy of the form showing the initialization be provided to Applicants’ agent. Additional copies of the Form PTO/SB/08 are enclosed for the PTO’s convenience in Appendix B.

Conclusion

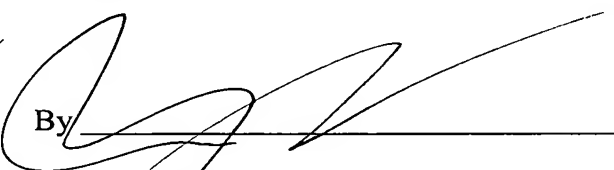
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated,

otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Wang is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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